

What is claimed is:

1. A computer keyboard comprising:
  - a frame;
  - 5 a set of letter keys arranged in a QWERTY layout and mounted to an upper surface of the frame;
  - a set of number keys arranged in a sequential and linear configuration parallel to the top row of the QWERTY layout and mounted to the upper surface of the frame; and
  - 10 a gap that separates the top row of QWERTY layout from the number keys.
2. The computer keyboard of claim 1, further comprising:
  - a mechanism for disabling a key repeat function for all letters and numbers.
- 15 3. The computer keyboard of claim 2 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key repeat function is a firmware program stored in a first electronic memory in the frame of the computer keyboard.
4. The computer keyboard of claim 2 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key  
20 repeat function is a software program stored in a second electronic memory in a computer associated with the computer keyboard.

5. The computer keyboard of claim 1 further comprising:  
a first recess in which at least some of the set of letter keys are positioned;  
a second recess in which at least some of the set of number keys are  
positioned; and  
5 a drain that provides a path for liquids to flow from the recess out of the  
keyboard.
6. The computer keyboard of claim 1 wherein the set of letter keys have vowel keys  
that are a first color and consonant keys which are a second color.
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7. The computer keyboard of claim 1 wherein the number keys are a third color that  
is distinct from the second color of the consonant keys.
8. The computer keyboard of claim 1 further comprising:  
15 a shift key having text in a fourth color printed on a surface of the shift key;  
wherein the number keys each have a symbol in the forth color printed on a  
surface of the number keys.
9. A computer keyboard comprising:  
20 a frame;  
a set of letter keys arranged in a QWERTY layout and mounted to an upper  
surface of the frame;

a set of number keys arranged in a sequential and linear configuration parallel to the top row of the QWERTY layout and mounted to the upper surface of the frame; and

a mechanism for disabling a key repeat function for all letters and numbers.

10. The computer keyboard of claim 9 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key repeat function is a firmware program loaded into a first electronic memory in the frame of the computer keyboard.

11. The computer keyboard of claim 9 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key repeat function is a software program loaded into a second electronic memory in a computer associated with the computer keyboard.

12. The computer keyboard of claim 9 wherein the set of letter keys have vowel keys that are a first color and consonant keys which are a second color.

13. The computer keyboard of claim 9 wherein the number keys are a third color that is distinct from the second color of the consonant keys.

14. The computer keyboard of claim 9 further comprising:  
a shift key having text in a fourth color printed on a surface of the shift key;

wherein the number keys each have a symbol in the forth color printed on a surface of the number keys.

15. A computer keyboard comprising:

- 5           a frame;
- a set of letter keys arranged in a QWERTY layout and mounted to an upper surface of the frame; and
- a mechanism for disabling a key repeat function for all letters and numbers.

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16. The computer keyboard of claim 15 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key repeat function is a firmware program loaded into a first electronic memory in the frame of the computer keyboard.

15   17. The computer keyboard of claim 15 wherein the mechanism for disabling the key repeat function is a software program loaded into a second electronic memory in a computer associated with the computer keyboard.

18. The computer keyboard of claim 15 further comprising:

- 20           a USB type connector which allows the computer keyboard to be used as a secondary keyboard for a computer.

19. The computer keyboard of claim 15 further comprising:

a recess in which at least some of the set of letter keys are positioned; and

a drain that provides a path for liquids to flow from the recess out of the keyboard.

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20. The computer keyboard of claim 15 further comprising:

a set of number keys each have a symbol printed in a third color on a surface of the number key; and

a shift key having text printed in the third color on a surface of the shift key.

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